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BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN N. McMAHON

John N. McMahon was sworn in as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on 10 June 1982. In this position he is principal deputy to the Director, who heads the Intelligence Community (all of the foreign intelligence agencies of the United States) and directs the Central Intelligence Agency. A career CIA employee, Mr. McMahon has served in senior positions in all of the Agency's four Directorates.

Mr. McMahon graduated from Holy Cross in 1951; in September he joined the Central Intelligence Agency and was assigned overseas in June 1952. He returned in 1957 for basic training with the U.S. Army. In 1959 Mr. McMahon was assigned to the U-2 program. In 1965 he was appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Special Projects which was responsible for reconnaissance R&D and technical operations. In July 1971 he was named Director, Office of Electronic Intelligence, where he served until May 1973 when he was appointed Director of the Office of Technical Service. On 3 August 1974 Mr. McMahon was appointed Associate Deputy Director of the Directorate for Administration, and on 10 May 1976 was named Associate Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community. At the request of the DCI, he assumed the position of Acting Deputy for the Intelligence Community on 1 June 1977. He was appointed Deputy Director of CIA for Operations in January 1978 and served in that capacity until 12 April 1981 when he was named Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment (now Directorate of Intelligence), responsible for directing analysis and production of intelligence. On 4 January 1982 Mr. McMahon was appointed as the Agency's Executive Director, responsible for the day-to-day management of CIA; he remained in this position until his appointment as the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Mr. McMahon holds a Certificate of Distinction awarded by CIA, the Intelligence Medal of Merit, and two Distinguished Intelligence Medals. For his service with the Intelligence Community Staff he was awarded the Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. McMahon was born on 3 July 1929 in East Norwalk, Connecticut. He and his wife Margaret have four children.